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Authorized by: SC

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December 23, 1977

Memorandum

To: Area Mining Supervisor, SRMA

From: Conservation Manager, Central Region

Subject: Unusual EA and Mining and Reclamation Plan for the PW2-PW3 Underground Uranium Mining Project, Anaconda Company, Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico; Laguna Uranium Lease No. 1

This office has reviewed the subject unusual EA and mining plan and concurs in the opinion of the Area Mining Supervisor, SRMA. It is determined that this requested action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA, Section 102(2)(C) and is not highly controversial.

You are authorized to take whatever appropriate action as may be necessary to approve this proposed small, adit-type mining operation to extract fringe ore from the previously approved North Pagate Pit, provided that final rare and endangered species and archaeological clearances are obtained from the Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, respectively. In addition, the following stipulations must be included as conditions of approval:

1. ~~Anaconda must establish an appropriate subsidence monitoring program prior to conducting any mining activities,~~
2. The underground mine openings are to be sealed and the mined-out North Pagate Pit backfilled and reclaimed after extraction of the uranium ore from the PW2 and PW3 areas.

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